THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The charges payable by cable subscribers to cable operators and by cable operators to multi system operators/broadc asters are being regulated by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The charges have been frozen at the levels of 26.12.2003. To allow for inflation, these charges have been allowed an increase upto 7% with effect from 1.1.2005. These ceilings do not apply to pay channels, which have come after 26.12.2003 or to Free to Air (FTA) channels converted to pay channels after 26.12.2003. However, TRAI has specified that rates of these channels must be similar to the rates of similar channels, as on 26.12.2003 and provided on a stand-alone basis either individually or as a part of new separate bouquet. The Tariff Order dated 1.10.2004 provides for broadcasters of new pay channels(s) that have been introduced after 26.12.2003 or of any channels(s) that was free to air channel on 26.12.2003 and is/are converted to a pay channels subsequently, shall furnish to the Authority information in respect of charges for these channels in prescribed fromat. Tariff Orders issued by TRAI are available on its website www. trai. gov. in

(b) No, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)'s has sent recommendations on the issues relating to Broadcasting and Distribution of TV channels, which *inter-alia,* covers scheme of Set Top Boxes popularly known as CAS. The issue of implementation of Conditional Access System in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata is, however, subjudice before the Delhi High Court.

Appointment of chairperson of children film society of India

1278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairperson of the Children Film Society of India has recently resigned and a social activist and film actress has been appointed to succeed her;

(b) if so, the reasons for the resignation by the former chairperson and the panel of names considered for her successor;

(c) the terms and conditions of appointment offered to the new chairperson;

(d) whether these are different from those offered to the former chairperson; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. Smt. Raveena Tandon had resigned from the post of Chairperson, CFSI w.e.f. 1st September 2005. Smt. Nafisa Ali has taken over as Chairperson, CFSI w.e.f. 25th September 2005.

(b) Smt. Raveena Tandon resigned from the post citing personal reasons. The post of Chairperson CFSI is filled up in an honorary capacity from amongst eminent personalities keeping in view their backgroumd, experience and contribution to film industry. As such, no panel of names is maintained.

(c) The post of Chairperson, CFSI is purely an honorary post.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

TV stations in Uttaranchal

1279. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV stations working in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons working in each such stations;

(d) what are the programmes undertaken by each such stations for the benefit of the residents; and

(e) whether Government propose to increase the number of such stations; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Currently, fifty-three T.V. transmitters (high Power Transmitters (HPT)—2, Low Power Transmitters (LPTs.) 16, Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) 33 and Transposers-2 besides a studio centre at Dehradun are working in Uttaranchal.

(c) A complement of twenty-nine work force has been provided to Doordarshan Kendra, Dehradun by way of transfer of posts from other stations as no staff has been sanctioned. Complement of staff available